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practically every pool. There had been an extremely hard rain during the two previous days. Fowler's toads, (*Bufo fowleri*) common tree toads, (*Hyla versicolor*) and green frogs, (*Rana clamitans*) were also abundant. All the various kinds were in full song. On the next day enormous numbers of eggs of the spadefoot and Fowler's toads were readily identified in the pools. On the 7th, the eggs were hatched, and on the fourteenth the young were almost half grown. Fully formed spadefoot toads were found in Coram on September 4.

On the afternoon of September 12, Leopard Frogs, (*Rana pipiens*) were singing on the salt marshes near the Forge Life Saving Station.

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AN ALBINO POND FROG.

In the Reptile House at the N. Y. Zoological Park there is on exhibition an albino specimen of the common Pond Frog, *Rana clamitans*. The creature was caught by Henry, the young son of Chas. E. Snyder, head keeper at the park, in a pond near his home in Scarsdale, N. Y.

The color is rich lemon yellow above, white below, and on the hind limbs can be seen faint traces of cross bands. The pupil and iris of the eye are pink, as in albino rats and rabbits. There is, however, a fine golden line bordering the pupil.

The frog feeds well, but seems to see insects which move above it, much quicker than those on a level with itself.

It is a female, about two-thirds grown, the length from snout to vent being $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches. The only other record of albino specimens of the order Salientia in the United States, that the writer has knowledge of, is that of some tadpoles of the common toad, *Bufo americanus*, reared from colorless spawn by

Prof. Morgan, of Columbia University. The tadpoles gradually acquired the normal coloration of the species. Another albino amphibian record is that of a specimen of the two-lined Salamander, *Spelerpes bilineatus* described by A. M. Banta and R. A. Gortner in Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus. vol. 49, p. 377, pl. 54-55.

Other amphibians showing albinism are:

Edible Frog *Rana esculenta* of Europe, larvae.

Grass Frog *R. temporaria* of Europe, larvae and adults.

Yellow Bell toad *Bombinator pachypus* of Europe, one adult.

Green Toad *Bufo viridis* of Europe, one larva.

Midwife Toad *Alytes obstetricans* of Europe, larvae and adults.

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ON A SMALL COLLECTION OF FROGS AND TOADS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

For the purpose of making a closer study of the *Anura* of Washington, D. C., and vicinity, I have started a small collection of these interesting "varmints," which are temporarily being kept in the office of Mr. R. G. Paine, of the Division of Reptiles, U. S. National Museum. My sincere thanks are due to Mr. Paine, one of the best known herpetologists of Washington, for his kindness in permitting a "neophyte" like myself to impose on his time and good nature. But then you know he is a "crank" on the subject, himself.

In collecting I have also had the assistance of Mr. H. A. O'Dwyer, whose sharpness of vision and quickness of limb have been, and, I trust, will be in the future of great benefit to our undertaking.

Experience so far seems to prove that *Bufo fowleri* is the more common toad in this vicinity, sev-